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SUBJECT: DEFENSE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MAY 2, 1973

BEGIN SUMMARY. THE CONCEPT AND ACTIVATION OF THE NAVAL STANDING FORCE CHANNEL WERE APPROVED. NORWEGIAN OBJECTIONS TO THE VISIT OF THE NAVAL ON- CALL FORCE MEDITERRANEAN TO A SPANISH PORT WERE REAFFIRMED AND THE VISIT WAS NOT APPROVED. END SUMMARY.

1. DURING ITS AFTERNOON MEETING MAY 2, THE DPC CONSIDERED TWO ITEMS:

A. PO/73/56 STANDING NAVAL FORCE CHANNEL. AFTER A FEW REMARKS BY UK PERMREP PECK, THE DPC AGREED TO THE PO WHICH APPROVES THE CONCEPT FOR STANAVFORCHAN (MC 222), ITS ACTIVATION MAY 11 AND AUTHORIZES RELEASE OF A PRESS COMMUNIQUE ANNOUNCING THE ACTIVATION OF THE FORCE (PO/73/55). AT THE SUGGESTION OF
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THE UK(PECK) IN THE PRESS RELEASE THE TERM QUOTE MINE SWEEPING TYPE UNITS UNQUOTE WAS REPLACED BY QUOTE MINE COUNTERMEASURES UNITS UNQUOTE.

B. A VISIT BY NAVOCFORMED TO A SPANISH PORT WAS BROUGHT UP UNDER ANY OTHER BUSINESS BY NORWEGIAN PERMREP BUSCH WHO READ TEXT OF LETTER HE WAS INSTRUCTED TO SEND TO THE SYG AND REAFFIRMED NORWAY'S OBJECTION TO THE VISIT (TEXT SEPTEL). US (RUMSFELD) EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT THAT IT HAD NOT BEEN POSSIBLE TO REACH AGREEMENT ON THIS MODEST STEP. WHILE AGREEING TO THIS OUTCOME, IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT THE US PLANNED TO RETURN TO THIS MATTER, BELIEVING THAT THE ALLIES SHOULD RECOGNIZE THE CONTINUING STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE OF SPAIN IN SOME TANGIBLE MANNER. ITALIAN PERMREP (CATALANO) COMMENTED THAT AWKWARD SITUATIONS SIMILAR TO THIS MIGHT BE AVOIDED IN THE FUTURE IF THE DPC DISCUSSED SUCH MATTERS PRIOR TO THE MILITARY COMMITTEE. HE ADDED THAT IN THIS CASE, THE MILITARY COMMITTEE FORWARDED TO THE DPC AN OFFICIAL REQUEST WITH WHICH SOME ALLIES HAD PROBLEMS POLITICALLY. DENMARK (HJORTH- NIELSEN) AGREED WITH ITALIAN VIEW POINTING OUT THE DIFFICULTY OF BEING FACED WITH A VIRTUAL FAIT ACCOMPLI. THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN MC (MINTER) SAID THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES WOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT REMARKS MADE BY THE DPC IN SIMILAR FUTURE SITUATIONS. DEPUTY SYG PANSA SUGGESTED THAT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MC INFORMALLY NOTIFY THE SYG OF SUCH POTENTIAL SITUATIONS. ADMIRAL MINTER AGREED. RUMSFELD

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